

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL VECCHIO

### HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 23, 1997*

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the efforts of Michael Vecchio and his crusade to bring an all war monument to Flemington, NJ. Currently on the main street of Flemington, there exists a Civil War monument. Dedicated 107 years ago, the monument honors Flemington's Civil War dead. However, Mr. Vecchio, a naval officer during the Vietnam war, noticed that Flemington needed a monument dedicated to those residents of Flemington who died in service of their country in the other great conflicts of this century.

Mr. Vecchio, chairman of the Hunterdon County Veterans Memorial Committee, proposed an upgrade to the already existing Civil War monument, adding a stone walkway and a granite wall around the statue. His efforts have paid off. Dedication ceremonies for the new monument took place on Sunday, September 14.

Mr. Vecchio, like many of us, realizes the importance of remembering fallen patriots from past conflicts. The Korean Memorial, which recently opened in Washington, shows our Nation's ongoing commitment to remembering our veterans. Also, through efforts like Mr. Vecchio's, we will never forget those still lost as POW/MIA's.

Again, I would like to congratulate Mike Vecchio for his campaign to help us remember our war heroes and thank him for his selfless commitment to veterans across our Nation.

## TRIBUTE TO THE LATE DR. ANNE CAMPBELL

### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 23, 1997*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 18, Nebraska lost a great education leader when Dr. Anne Campbell passed away. There certainly is no need to exaggerate about the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Campbell in the field of education or about the wonderful person she was. Her leadership on education matters will have a very positive and lasting effect on countless Nebraskans and indeed people throughout our Nation. Her legacy is the kind that enriches our civilization.

This Member frequently called upon Dr. Campbell over the years for her advice on education and in choosing among applicants for our service academies. If sound and far-sighted advice on educational issues was needed, this Member thought first of Dr. Campbell. She will be sorely missed by the great number of us who had the good fortune to have her friendship and by all who bene-

fited from her leadership role in education. It is no surprise that Nebraska Governor E. Benjamin Nelson ordered State flags to fly at half-mast as a final tribute to Dr. Anne Campbell.

The following article from the October 20, 1997, Lincoln Journal Star lists her numerous accomplishments and career highlights.

[From the Lincoln Journal Star, Oct. 20, 1997]

NEBRASKA'S "GRAND LADY OF EDUCATION"  
DEAD AT 79

(By J. Christopher Hain)

One of the pillars of Nebraska education, M. Anne Campbell, Ph.D., died in Lincoln Saturday at the age of 79.

Campbell was a former Nebraska commissioner of education and is the namesake of Campbell Elementary School at North 21st and Superior streets in Lincoln.

She had been suffering from colon cancer and had been in and out of the hospital several times since April, said her husband Leonard Campbell.

Former U.S. Sen. J. James Exon, who was governor of Nebraska when Campbell became state commissioner of education, said "the educational systems in Nebraska have lost an outstanding and stellar person."

"People instinctively liked her and her approach to education," Exon said. "You could sense her dedication to the cause of education."

Campbell began her career as Madison County superintendent of schools from 1955 to 1963. During that time, she earned a master's degree from Wayne State College. She worked for two years as director of professional services and lobbyist for the Nebraska State Education Association.

In 1965, she began work as an administrative assistant for government services at Lincoln Public Schools. Her duties included lobbying the Legislature and seeking and administering federal funds. During her time at LPS, she worked behind the scenes on development of Nebraska's educational service unit system and the state's technical community colleges.

In 1969, she received a doctoral degree from the University of Nebraska. She worked for two years as director of public affairs for the university.

In 1974, Campbell became state commissioner of education. During her tenure, she served as an influential member of the National Commission on Excellence in Education. The commission's landmark report, "A Nation At Risk," helped to focus the nation's attention on the condition of its schools. She retired in 1982.

She was former national president of the PTA and former president of the Council of Chief State School Officers, the American Association of University Women and the Easter Seal Society of Nebraska.

Campbell served as chairman of the Governor's Committee on the status of Women. She was a member of the Committee that selected teacher Christa McAuliffe as the first private citizen to ride in a space shuttle.

Joe Lutjeharms, who worked under Campbell and succeeded her as commissioner of education, said it was her kindness that made her a successful educator.

"She was a very, very great people person," he said. "When you win friends, you influence people."

Lutjeharms said Campbell worked to ensure that education efforts were always directed toward kids. "She was the grand lady of education in Nebraska."

## TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT JACKSON

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 23, 1997*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recall the life of Dr. Robert Jackson of Toledo, OH, a rare and outstanding citizen, a man of letters. In special tribute to his life and work, he will be remembered in a memorial service in Toledo on September 6, 1997. Our dear friend, Bob, died to this life on July 30, 1997 at age 88.

Bob Jackson was a generous and gifted human being, a genuine brother to us all, a confidante, a soulmate. He relished being a trusted political advisor to many including myself. He understood that community involvement requires commitment. Perhaps it was this sense of civic responsibility which prompted him—at age 85—to be the precinct captain for his neighborhood and work hard to get out the vote. He loved politics and he loved being a Democrat. He pondered the endless possibilities presented to each of us as Americans. He mused always with piercing humor about our body politics, its greatness and its foibles.

A voracious reader and devoted educator, Bob Jackson was elected to the Toledo Board of Education and had retired from the mathematics department of the University of Toledo. An Arkansas native, Bob graduated from the University of Oregon, was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from Harvard University. A complicated man with a boundless sense of humor, he also was a retired naval officer along with being a proud member of the ACLU. While his education and social position could have taken him to elite surroundings, he used his considerable talent to teach youth at Scott High School in Toledo.

Bob and his wife, Agnes, together pursued commitments to causes dear to their hearts, especially to help those whose voices in the public weal were weak. They advocated on behalf of family planning initiatives for which they labored in order that mothers and fathers and children would have a better chance at successful family life, childhood, and adulthood. Even after Agnes' passing, Bob carried on their work. In poignant tribute to his wife, Bob created a living testament to her while at the same time dedicating himself to their mutual love of nature and of neighborhood: he created the Agnes Reynolds Jackson Arboretum, a truly splendid yet tranquil garden setting adjacent to what was their home in an area of grand old homes in the central city. The arboretum is a place to find true beauty and peace, and now stands as a most fitting memorial to both Agnes and Bob, their love for each other and their lives of service.

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